IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CASE NO.: **CWP No.740 of 2007**
DATE OF DECISION: July 19, 2007

KARANJEET SINGH AND OTHERS ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS ...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA.
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN.

PRESENT: MR. H.N. KHANDUJA, ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONERS.
MR. HARISH RATHEE, SR.DAG, HARYANA.

ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners have prayed for quashing the order dated 12.12.2006 (Annexure P-3) passed by respondent No.2 vide which interview letters were not issued to the petitioners,` as the Diploma in Art & Craft acquired by the petitioners is not recognized by the Kurukshetra University and hence the petitioners have been held to be ineligible for the post of Art & Craft Teachers. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner Nos.1 & 2 have done their Diploma in Art & Craft from Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Chandigarh, whereas petitioner No.3 has done his Diploma from Kurukshetra University.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed reliance on Annexure R-1, R-2 and R-3 which have been appended to the reply filed on behalf of respondent Nos.1 & 2 to contend that the Diploma of Art & Craft awarded by the Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Chandigarh, has been held to be recognized in the Haryana State

by a Committee of three Members which was appointed in pursuance to the directions given by this Court in CWP No.2555 of 2004 vide Annexure R-2. Learned counsel further submits that the Diploma in Art & Craft from Kurukshetra University has also been held to be recognized by a Division Bench of this Court in the judgement in CWP No.20630 of 2006 titled as *Suman Lata and others* vs. *State of Haryana and others*.

Learned counsel for the State accepts the aforementioned factual position which is borne out from Annexures R-1 to R-3. Learned counsel for the State, however, submits that against the judgement in *Suman Lata's case* (supra), a SLP has been preferred by the respondents in which notice of motion has been issued.

In view of the fact that the Diploma in Art & Craft from Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Traning, Chandigarh, has been recognized by the respondents vide Annexure R-3 and also in view of the fact that this Court has already held in *Suman Lata's case* (supra) that Diploma acquired from Kurukshetra University would be valid for the purpose of seeking appointment for the post of Art & Craft Teacher in the State of Haryana, therefore, we quash the order Annexure P-3 and allow the writ petition. The petitioners have already been interviewed provisionally by virtue of the interim orders passed by this Court. Now all the petitioners shall be treated to be eligible for the post of Art & Craft Teacher in pursuance to the advertisement Annexure P-2.

(ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA)
JUDGE

July 19, 2007
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